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Sir:

30 This is in response to Examiner Kent's communication mailed April 19,  
1999.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is  
attached hereto.

In the claims:

35 Please cancel claims 1 – 35.

Please add the following new claims:

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